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## 'Israel Anxious To Resume Jordan Plan'

Israel is anxious to resume work on the Jordan River project, as she has already waited three seasons and "patience has its limits," the Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, has stated in an interview with the correspondent of the "Sunday Times" (London), Mr. Slade Baker.

Mr. Baker had asked "Will the Lake Tiberias irrigation project be recommenced in May? Was this discussed with Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld (during the U.N. Secretary-General's visit here) and with what result? If work is restarted, do you believe that Syria would intervene by force of arms?"

Mr. Sharett replied: "There has never been any date fixed for the resumption of work, but we would certainly not like to lose yet another season in carrying this vital project a stage further. We have already lost three seasons and patience has its limits. The question was discussed with Mr. Hammarskjöld. If Syria intervenes by force she would be the aggressor."

When asked if he believed that the Hammarskjöld mission would result in establishing peace in the Middle East, Mr. Sharett said that the Secretary-General had "achieved a notable success in obtaining an undertaking strictly to observe a cease-fire and refrain from crossing the Armistice lines."

**Primary Task**

"We regard it as its primary task to secure a complete and integral implementation of all provisions of the Armistice Agreements, of which the fundamental one is to abstain from all hostile acts and threats of war."

The crucial question is whether the Arab States, and primarily Egypt, will be ready to make the Armistice regime a living reality or whether they will continue to violate its basic principles by practicing a sort of blockade and other forms of economic warfare, by conducting guerrilla activities, and by otherwise using it as a shield for the preparation of war and as an opening for the resumption of major hostilities.

"While waiting to see what the future holds in store and always hoping for the best, Israel must be prepared for the worst. She cannot rest."

## Jordan Marauder Killed by Patrol

A marauder from Jordan was killed on Thursday night in a clash between a band of Jordan marauders and an Army patrol in the vicinity of Mount Gilboa, the Army spokesman has announced.

On Wednesday night, infiltrators penetrated Eilat and stole goods valued at IL100 from the store of the kibbutz Meushad fishing cooperative. Traces of three men led to the Jordan border.

Robbers from Egyptian territory entered Israel on Friday morning and began harvesting the fields of Nahal Oz. The Army spokesman said, "Members of the kibbutz drove them back across the Gaza Strip border after they had gathered the crop of 20 dunams of barley, valued at IL200."

## Kilometre Zero at the Centre of the World

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## Goldmann Says Israelis 'Cool' To Zionism

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Without the close cooperation of the State of Israel and its leaders the Zionist movement will be unable to do its task, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, told the Zionist Congress last night. He was winding up the debate on the tasks and organization of the Zionist Movement.

Dr. Goldmann said he was more perturbed by the negative attitude of the Israeli men in the street towards Zionism than he was towards that of some of its leaders.

He declared that for many years to come Israel would need the help of the Diaspora and of the Zionist Movement. Israel's reserve of strength lay in the Jewish communities throughout the world.

Commenting on the debate, Dr. Goldmann said that speakers who had criticized his proposals on the reorganization of the Zionist movement had offered no constructive alternatives.

**Answer to Neumann**

He singled out the speech of Dr. Emanuel Neumann as "an example of how not to deal with problems on the agenda."

Dr. Neumann had criticized the fact that the defence of Jewish rights had been relinquished by the Zionist Organization to the World Jewish Congress. Dr. Goldmann said this was as it should be. Zionists must concentrate on problems that non-Zionists will not undertake — to bind the Diaspora with Israel, to encourage immigration.

To those who had belittled the efficacy of organizational reforms, Dr. Goldmann pointed out that Herzl's great achievement had been to create an instrument to realize Zionist ideals which had existed long before him. The instrument was the Jewish Congress in the world, a movement could fall for lack of proper organization.

Dr. Goldmann asserted that the Zionist movement was failing to make the most of its possibilities. In the U.S., for example, Zionists were "still the largest Jewish group with all our weaknesses." But they were not playing a role commensurate with their numbers.

Where is the central influence of American Zionism that would get American Jews to spend less on philanthropy and more on education, he asked.

**Shazar's Tributes**

Dr. Goldmann spoke, in Yiddish, for 35 minutes, after Mr. Zolman Shazar had delivered an hour-and-a-half eulogy of Zionist and Jewish leaders who passed away since the last Congress, beginning with Chaim Weizmann, the first President of Israel.

The Binyamin Haoma hall was filled to capacity when Mr. Shazar began, and there were over 500 standees. But sections of the audience became noticeably restless as Mr. Shazar proceeded.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were present during Mr. Shazar's address.

## Congress Delegates Visit Mt. Herzl

Zionist Congress delegates paid their respects at the grave of Theodore Herzl in Jerusalem on Friday morning. Led by Congress President, Mr. Josef Sprinzak, the delegates stood silent around the grave on Har Herzl for two minutes. Rabbi K. Tchorsh said 17 Male Rebbeim and Leib Giants chanted the had-dah.

Twenty-four trees, representing the 24th Zionist Congress, were then planted near the grave.

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## Hammarskjöld May Seek Stronger TSO

PARIS, Saturday. — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, left for New York today after a brief talk with Mr. Rene Massigli, Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry. He had stopped over on his return from Rome, where he had prepared a detailed report on his peace mission to the Middle East.

He is expected to land in New York tomorrow morning. His report, worked out in a marathon session in Rome after 35 days of on-the-spot investigation, will be submitted to the Security Council next week. Informal quarters stated it is possible the Council will meet the week after next.

They said that his recommendations will contain a request for stronger enforcement machinery along the Israeli-Arab borders.

He told reporters before taking off that a new resolution for stronger enforcement machinery along the Israeli-Arab borders. He said that the U.N. should insist on the implementation of the 1953 Security Council decision prohibiting Israel from resuming work on the project. Tarras did not indicate whether he would support Syria's right to discuss negotiations for a re-arrangement of the Jordan River project.

**Orders this Week**

In Amman, Defence Minister Salah Madadiah stated that cease-fire orders would be issued this week. Reason for the delay was the stipulations by both Syria and Jordan on the Jordan River project.

Meanwhile, a Lebanese Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday that the Foreign Ministers of the nine Arab League countries will meet within the next week to consider the Arab League's decision on the Hammarskjöld mission. The meeting will take place either in Cairo or Beirut, according to a Beirut newspaper. The meeting was scheduled for yesterday between Premier Abdullah el Yafi and Premier Salah el Gharbi of Syria.

(ANA, NEABS, Reuters)

## No French Decision Yet On More Jets for Israel

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters). — The French Government has not yet decided whether to supply Israel with more jets for delivery of more Mystere jet fighters, French Government sources said today.

They were commenting on reports that France had agreed to deliver 12 Mystere jets to Israel.

The French Foreign Ministry said last night that eight of 12 jets ordered by Israel several months ago had been delivered. Earlier this week government sources said Israel had asked for more jets.

## Orthodox Demonstrators Hit Sabbath 'Desecration'

Morning services were held outdoors yesterday when Orthodox demonstrators gathered in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other towns to protest what they called a desecration of the Sabbath by the Industrial Exhibition at Haifa remaining open Saturdays.

The demonstrators were almost without incident, although the police stood by to handle any emergency.

While the demonstrations were going on, record crowds were passing through the gate at the Exhibition site in Haifa.

In Jerusalem, the police estimate that 10,000 persons gathered in a demonstration, punctuated by several minor incidents. Five persons were detained but later released.

At its height at 10 a.m., the demonstrators filled Rehov Straus, from Jaffa Road to Rehov Geula, where it met to be led in prayer at different times by Chief Rabbi Herak and Minister Mr. Moshe Shapira, Minister for Religious Affairs; Mr. Josef Burg, Minister of Posts; Mr. Z. Warhaftig, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs; and Messrs. Moshe Porush and Moshe Gevirtzman, Deputy Mayors of Jerusalem.

The demonstrators were overwhelmingly of the Ashkenazi Community.

Rehov Yeshayahu, which had been set aside as a meeting place for religious women, was as deserted as Rehov Straus was thronged.

The majority of the demonstrators after praying, went quietly home.

Shortly before 10 a.m. Chief Rabbi Herak and Nissim, and Dr. Warhaftig, had finished their prayers.

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## Ceylon Tells U.K. To Close Down Military Bases

COLOMBO, Saturday (Reuters). — Ceylon's new Socialist Government has informed the British authorities that British air and naval bases in Ceylon must be removed and "there is no question of reconsideration." Premier Solomon Bandaranaike told the House of Representatives here last night.

He said he had discussions with Earl Mountbatten, Britain's First Sea Lord, recently, but the subject was not discussed. He said that the British naval chief would acquaint the authorities in London with his views before his arrival in London for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference.

The Premier said arrangements would have to be made for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Ceylon and provision made for persons who might be thrown out of employment as a result of the withdrawal of the bases.

## Eisenhower Silent On Dhanra Base Talks

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuters). — President Eisenhower yesterday declined to discuss negotiations for a re-arrangement of the Dhanra air base in Saudi Arabia.

Asked about reports that Saudi Arabia might ask for arms shipments in return for a renewal of the lease, he said he would rather not comment while the matter was under active negotiation, as the Middle East was a very troubled spot.

## Jordan Christians Clash Widespread

Last month's inter-communal clashes in Jordan were not restricted to Madaba but spread to Amman, Zarqa, A-Salt and other towns, the heads of Christian communities stated on Friday in a joint communiqué published by the Old City daily, "Palestine."

The communiqué blamed "foreign and subversive elements" for creating religious discord in order to "fish in troubled waters." It appealed to the Jordanian population to unite behind the King and to expel trouble-makers.

Three persons were killed and more than 30 wounded when Moslem Beduin attacked Christians during services in Madaba last month.

## Britain Denies Deal On Baghdad Pact

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters). — The Foreign Office yesterday categorically denied a "Daily Express" report that Britain, the U.S. and Soviet Russia were doing a deal on the Baghdad Pact in which the Baghdad pact would be "put into cold storage."

## Special Security Powers Ended in USSR

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuters). — Special powers granted to Soviet security organs at the beginning of the Russian purge for the investigation of sabotage and terrorism were abolished today in a Supreme Soviet decree.

The decree, signed by President Kliment Voroshilov, said that in future the investigation of such crimes must be guided by juridical standards established by law.

President Voroshilov's action abrogated three decrees enacted in 1934 and 1937 which established a special method of investigation and court consideration of certain crimes. Two of the cancelled decrees were enacted on December 1, 1934, the day on which the Leningrad Communist Party leader, Kirov, was assassinated.

The killing led to widespread purges, some victims of which were recently rehabilitated as a result of the current drive against Stalinism and the personality cult.

The latest decree appeared in the Journal of the Supreme Soviet and was dated April 19.

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## Nato Names Triumvirs To Formulate Strategy

### Answer to New Soviet Policy

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters). — The Atlantic Pact Ministerial Council tonight agreed that three of its Ministers should draw up a proposed economic and political strategy for the West for the next decade.

The "three wise men" are the Foreign Ministers of Canada, Italy and Norway, Messrs. Lester Pearson, Gaetano Martino and Halvard Lange.

Approval of this plan, which was proposed yesterday by the American Secretary of State Mr. Dulles, came at a restricted session of the Council's its mid-year meeting here drew to a close, conference sources said.

The aim is to offset the Russian "new look" non-military foreign policy.

Mr. Dulles had urged that a group of top Foreign Ministers urgently study ways of building up these aspects of NATO and report back to the organization later this year.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, supported the plan, adding "but these three wise men should work as individuals and not as representatives of their governments." He proposed the three men accepted.

Mr. Lloyd called for a "political offensive" now by the alliance. NATO must make it clear that it would maintain its "essential military framework."

He did not comment on a French plan for a world economic development agency within the U.N.

## 70,000 More Men Assured for Algeria

ALGIER, Saturday. — Resident Minister Robert Lathiere urged yesterday from Paris with the firm promise of 70,000 reinforcements. He was accompanied by Gen. Paul Ely, the armed forces chief.

Informed sources said that the French Cabinet will order the mobilization of the 1952-53 class, comprising 60,000 to 70,000 men, at a meeting on Wednesday. It was said that both ex-Premier Edgar Faure and ex-Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay endorsed M. Lathiere's plans for armed action together with simultaneous economic and social reforms.

Seventy Algerian rebels were killed today in the Ouzena region near the Tunisian border. Other rebels ambushed a convoy near Oran, killing 12 French soldiers. Twenty colonial troops were missing after the attack.

An Inspector of the Algerian special police intelligence, Hamid Mohammed, was killed by terrorists last night.

In Marrakech, Morocco, the death roll in the two-day massacre of former supporters of the late Pasha el Glaoui, reached 46. French police stood by powerless to intervene as all security powers have been handed to the Moroccans.

## Mendes Backs Mollet Policy in Algeria

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters). — Mr. Pierre Mendes-France last night resisted shouted demands from his Radical supporters that he should resign from the Socialist Government of M. Guy Mollet.

He said that if the Socialist-Radical coalition were broken now it would be "a disaster for France."

Ceteka stated that the leaders of his group were a former Czech textile factory owner, Bedrich Lorenc, his son, who fled to West Germany after their factory was nationalized, and joined the American intelligence service. They were alleged to have returned secretly to Czechoslovakia several times and to have built up the spy ring among former business friends.

Police said that the first case put them on the rack of the ring came in April last year, when frontier guards shot and killed the younger Lorenc, who was trying to escape after being spotted slipping across the East German frontier.

## Tito to France

PARIS, Saturday (UP). — President Tito of Yugoslavia is to arrive here on Monday by train for a state visit. He will be accompanied by his wife and Foreign Minister Koca Popovic.

## Greek Embassy for Syria

ATHENS, Saturday (UP). — Premier Karamanlis announced today that Greece is to open embassies in Damascus and New Delhi.

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Owing to the anticipated late ending of the closing session of the Congress, the Planting Ceremony of the

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will NOT take place on Monday, May 7, 1956, as scheduled, but has been postponed to a later date, during a Zionist General Council meeting.

Details will be announced in due course.

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## Today's Postbag

## THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to fair with possibility of light rain in the north in the morning.

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Tel Aviv	64	74	77
Haifa	64	74	77
Natanyah	64	74	77
Tel Aviv Port	64	74	77
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Haifa	64	74	77
Natanyah	64	74	77
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(A) Humidity at 8 a.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum temp. expected today.

## ARRIVALS

Miss Rosalie Westreich, General Secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee, arrived in Jerusalem, and Mrs. Dora Meisels, Head Nurse of the Joint in Jerusalem, for a short visit.

## DEPARTURES

Mr. A. Darom, Israel's Diplomatic Representative in Greece, for Athens; Mr. A. Yarnai, Press Officer of the Israel Police Force, for Jerusalem; and Mrs. Dora Meisels, Head Nurse of the Joint in Jerusalem, for a short visit.

AIR RAID sirens will be tested today in Petah Tikva. The test signal will be a continuous three-minute blast. In the event of an actual alarm, the signal will be intermittent.

WORK STARTED on Friday on the laying of a 13 inch water pipe along 17 kilometers from Beer Ora to Elat, to replace the existing six-inch pipeline which is no longer adequate.

SIX-YEAR-OLD Zion Levy of Holon was severely injured when a truck knocked him down at Shikun Ramco on Thursday afternoon. The driver, Shlomo Kahanai of Holon, was released on bond.

THE SECOND part of the Third Conference of the World Conference of Jewish Zionists will begin at 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Artists House, Jerusalem.

FOR SELLING two cows given him by the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, the undersigned, who that they were for his own use, Yacov Cohen, of Kfar Uriah, was sentenced on Friday morning to six months in prison by the President of the Jerusalem District Court, Dr. B. Halevi.

VINE STREET, Haifa, and neighbourhood will have its water supply stopped from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. tomorrow during repairs in the network. The Municipality has announced.

## Citrus Exports End

HAIFA, Saturday. — The citrus export season ended yesterday with a final shipment of 15,000 cases of oranges going to the United Kingdom. The last shipment was made by the Jerusalem District Court, Dr. B. Halevi.

Another 97,500 cases were shipped through Jaffa Port, bringing the season's total to 7,554,841 cases. About one million more than last season.

With the evacuation of the Port storage space, the Port Authority intends to try out a new passenger handling system in order to speed up embarkation. Under the new scheme, the passenger terminal will be exclusively reserved for tourists, while immigrants will pass through another shed.

## Price of Chocolate, Cocoa Increased

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Chocolate manufacturers on Thursday decided to raise the price of chocolate by from 30 to 50 per cent, and the price of cocoa by 100 per cent. The reason is the increase in customs duty. Retailers have already pushed up the price a few days ago in anticipation.

Some 120 workers at the three largest chocolate factories, Co. De, Elitz and Lohr, have been given dismissal notices. A number of employees in four other factories are also to be dismissed, it was learned. The employers assert that this is a result of the shrinking home market and recent government financial measures.

## DORMITORY NAMED AFTER DR. FEDER

REHOVOT, Saturday. — A dormitory named after Dr. Sarah Feder was dedicated in the Knesset Agricultural Secondary School yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Feder, a lecturer in sociology at Columbia University, and an ex-president of the Pioneer Women of America, was present, together with a number of Congress delegates.

With deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister and aunt.

## Mrs. Bona Schwarz

(née Frenkel)

Otto Schwarz, Jerusalem, and his wife, Mrs. Bona Schwarz, née Frenkel, of Jerusalem, are the parents of Mrs. Bona Schwarz, née Frenkel, of Jerusalem, and her husband, Otto Schwarz, of Jerusalem.

The funeral will leave from the Hadassah Ziv Hospital, Rehov HaNevi'im, Jerusalem, tomorrow, May 7, 1956, at 10 noon.

## Metal Workers Get Wage Increase

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The first agreement on wages for 1956 was reached between the Metal Workers Union and the Manufacturers Association on Thursday. After bargaining for over nine hours, both sides agreed to an increase of from 5.7 to ten per cent of the gross wage. About 20,000 workers will be affected.

The lowest increase of 5.7 per cent will be given to unskilled workers and 10 per cent to the top grade. The Union had originally claimed from 10 to 25 per cent, with two-thirds to be paid this year. The employers initially offered 5 per cent, but they agreed to an increase of 10 per cent.

Both sides were reinforced at the meeting. The Union by Mr. Y. Meisel, deputy head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, and the employers by members of the Association's Presidium led by Mr. S. Klagsbald.

At a further meeting yesterday, the Histadrut representatives told the Association that they do not yet consider the agreement to be final until all points are settled, particularly the question of the date when the new rates take effect.

It was decided to set up five sub-committees to complete a detailed wage scale by Thursday.

A spokesman of the Association said tonight that the question of retroactivity must be decided between the Association and the Histadrut Trades Union Department and not with separate unions.

Negotiations were also held yesterday with the Textile Workers Union on increases for spinners. Little progress was made, and another meeting is to be held next week.

A meeting the same day between the employers and tobacco and chocolate workers decided to form a sub-committee to continue negotiations.

## Shakleton Spearheads Sunderland Success

BY SHLOMO MOSER

HAIFA, Saturday. — Three magnificent goals scored in the last 15 minutes enabled Sunderland to snatch a 4-3 victory, over Haifa Maccabi, who led 3-1 at the Municipal Stadium this afternoon. A record crowd of 10,000

was treated to a very exciting game, which reached its climax in the last half hour, when the visitors went all out to wipe out the lead the home team had built up through some very spirited football.

An enthusiastic Haifa Maccabi team pressed hard early on, and the home fans were delighted by the efforts of their team, who, at this stage, looked no worse than their British division I opponents.

Sunderland opened the scoring when, after two corners by Kemp, inside-left Billy Elliot headed in.

Seven minutes later, a beautiful combined movement by the Haifa forwards was finished off by outside-left Held to equalize. This inspired the home team, who pressed with some excellent football which was rewarded in the 41st minute when Almany, inside right, gave the home side a 2-1 lead.

Haifa increased their lead when Held went through the middle to hit the ball into the net. The Sunderland players protested that the ball had been handled by the referee, but referee A. Scher allowed the goal.

Shakleton, who took the field in this half, began to show his very best, sending his colleagues through with perfectly laid on passes.

Fleming, who reduced the lead with a fine goal, went on to score again two minutes later, and in the 60th minute wing-half Willy Morris, who had been in a terrific drive from 20 metres, put one of the finest goals yet seen here as scored near the end when Len Shackleton himself dribbled through the defence and with three players running the wrong way, drove the ball into the corner of the net from 16 metres.

DAM. — Italy's Labour Minister, Dr. Elio Vigorelli, on Friday opened a new hospital, costing more than £10m, at the little town of Firmia, near the Swiss-Italian border.

TECHNION WINS BY FOUR LENGTHS. HAIFA, Saturday. — Technion students this afternoon won the 1,800 metre rowing regatta in Haifa Port against the Zevulun Club by four lengths, to win the Maccabi Cup. The race, arranged by the Israel Playing Fields Association, was the first of a series of sports events to be held as part of the entertainments planned for the Industries Exhibition.

MANCHESTER CITY WINS CUP. WEMBLEY (England) Saturday (UP). — Manchester City won the Football Association Cup here today beating Birmingham City, 3-1 in the final. At half-time the teams were tied at 1-1.

## Two Forces Of Locusts Destroyed

By H. BEN-ADI

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Two invasions of locusts, numbering billions, were stemmed this morning in the Negev before they could cause great damage. The locusts, 15 to 20 millimetres long, wingless and some three weeks old, are now in the hopper stage. They are the offspring of, though less dangerous than, the plague of red flying locusts which attacked the country in November. More are expected.

The Plant Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, commanded in the field here by Dr. I. Peretz, has set up its line of defence running east and west through a point about 15 kilometres south of here. Many millions of the pests, however, have been poisoned and have perished before they could come this far north.

Small as they are, the locusts' teeth at this stage of their development are very effective and their appetite is enormous. Vegetables, grass and the leaves of fruit trees go to their mouths in a matter of minutes. If they get it. Fortunately, they do not touch crops at this time of the year as being too dry.

Two Troops. The current invasion has come simultaneously from two sides. One force came from the Sinai Peninsula through the Halutza-Alumim region, and reached Kibbutz Revivim. The second crossed the Jordanian desert, passed Kalyat and is on its way to the Department's defence line. The Revivim force was destroyed before it could cause any damage, and the Kalyat invaders will suffer the same fate as soon as they advance further.

The defending forces have been issued with a new kind of chemical weapon called "Idane", which is made up of benzene-hexa-chloride. The police are also being alerted.

It is understood that no political subjects were discussed. Problems connected with the bringing of the body of David Yellin, first Zvi Leumi commander, to Israel for burial from Cyprus was one of the points covered in the conversation.

Rain, Hail Fall. HAIFA, Saturday. — Rain fell yesterday afternoon and during the night, accompanied by strong winds and hail. West Galilee farmers report serious damage as a result of heavy rain and hail at noon yesterday. Wheat and barley crops, and other fodder crops, were damaged. The latter in bloom, were pounded by hailstones some of which were up to 15 mm. in diameter.

In Upper Galilee, rain and hail fell intermittently and the wind reached a velocity of 45 km. an hour. Nine millimetres of rain have fallen since yesterday, bringing this year's total to 831 mm., 292 mm. more than last year.

WHEAT HARVEST STARTS IN NEGEV. BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — The wheat harvest in the Negev began yesterday morning by the Ruhama and Mishmar Haneguv kibbutzim. Kibbutzim in the north-western Negev complain that the rain is damaging the crop. They also claim that the price received for barley, IL180 a ton, was low, while the harvest was still in progress.

Drilling in Negba was abandoned last week at a depth of 5,200 feet as unprofitable.

OUR RECREATION HOME. Maon Carmelia on Mt. Carmel will be reopened on MAY 10, 1956. Reduced pre-seasonal rates until end of June. Bookings accepted at the office of IOM, 26 Rehov Arlosoroff, P.O.B. 5114, Haifa, Tel. 4336.

SEARCH FOR HELETS 4 GIVEN UP. ASHKELON, Saturday. — Search for a fourth layer of oil at Helets 4 has been unsuccessful so far and the drilling company has decided to discontinue the search. Production from the three known layers will start soon. The Jerusalem Post learns.

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